

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - Kincaid Elementary School - Purchase Smart Boards For Classrooms

State Funding Requested: \$ 38,000**House District: 27 - N**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Kincaid is a school that serves a diverse population. Placing a Smartboard in every classroom would enable teachers to better motivate students and differentiate curriculum in order to increase academic achievement.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$38,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Kincaid Elementary School has a population of approximately 500 students. In addition to the student body, Kincaid is a Primary and Intermediate Intensive Needs site, offers bilingual instruction to English Language Learners, hosts a Gifted Education Program consisting of students from neighboring schools, and serves Primary and Intermediate Special Education students. Due to the diverse needs of the large population of students at Kincaid, the goal of this project is to place a Smartboard, also known as an interactive whiteboard, in each of the 28 classrooms.

All students at Kincaid could benefit from learning experiences with an interactive whiteboard. It is a technology tool that adapts to meet the unique and varied learning styles of students and enables them to engage with the subject material in a way that focuses on their individual strengths. It effectively facilitates learning for all students, in particular those with learning disabilities. For example, the interactive whiteboards' large screen and zoom features enable the instructor to magnify images making it easier for students with visual impairments to see and understand the task. The tactile, audio, and visual components of the interactive whiteboard accommodate all learning styles. The integration of this technology tool improves student attitudes toward using technology and toward academic instruction. Smartboards are tremendously appealing to both teachers and students because it's features are interactive and user-friendly.

Kincaid teachers understand the need for effective technology instruction and are committed to preparing students for a society that is increasingly becoming technologically-based. Placing a Smartboard in every classroom would enable Kincaid teachers to provide a more motivating and engaging environment for students, allow for differentiation of instruction, and provide innovative ways to learn.

Project Timeline:

Equipment will be purchased when funds become available.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Kincaid Elementary School

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Smartboards in Every Classroom

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